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Mr. Anthony Brown Project Manager, Mining Atlantic Richfield Company 4 Centerpointe Drive La Palma, CA 90623-1066

Re: Rico Argentine Mine Site – Unilateral Administrative Order for Removal Action ("UAO")

Docket No. CERCLA-08-2011-0005 – Schedule Modifications March 2014

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed are the modifications to the Work Plan schedule that we discussed in February. The specific changes are generally in bold print. This does include the extension in time into April 2015 to develop the permanent drying facility design. Also, several changes to the schedule for the Water Treatment System Analysis and Design are provided to allow for the demonstration scale wetlands project to be completed and evaluated in 2014.

These schedule changes were agreed to based on the determination that additional time was required to allow for design changes to the wetland demonstration project, and the fact that the system start-up is preferred in the summer. Other changes were deemed reasonable for sequencing of work with water treatment decisions.

I look forward to hearing from you to plan a meeting in Rico in May. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely.

Steven Way, OSC

Emergency Response Unit

Enclosure

cc: Amelia Piggott, 8ENF-L